(a) whether the Secretary to the Legislative Council received a letter, dated 10th February 1929, from the Member for the Kunnamkulam Constituency requesting to arrange for publishing a correction slip with reference to the Council Report, dated 10th August 1928;

(b) whether it was pointed out in that letter that 'December 1928' published in line 9, page 898 of the Report referred to, should be corrected as 'December 1925';

(c) whether he had requested to put his name among the 'Ayes' printed on page 874 of the Report under reference as he had voted so;

(d) whether any other correction he wanted to make and if so, what is it;

(e) what is the reason for not making the above corrections?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes. He wrote that a few lines of a speech of his did not read well and wanted the Secretary to look into the matter.

(e) It was found that the errors, if any, were not of the reporters or of the Council Office, and so it was decided not to issue the correction slip.

Article in the Lokaprakasam Newspaper.

544. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—has the attention of the Government been drawn to the article "ലോകപ്രകാശത്തിൽ" by "പീരങ്കി പുത്രൻ" in the Lokaprakasam dated 24th Dhanu 1104; are the allegations true; if not, what action do the Government propose to take against the paper?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Yes. Government cannot vouchsafe for the truth of newspaper statements and they do not propose to take any action against the paper.

Honorary visitors to the Trichur Mental Hospital.

545. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the names of honorary visitors to the Mental Hospital, Trichur, for 1104 with the number of visits made by each;

(b) is there any rule or understanding about the number and date, etc., of visits they are to make; if so, what is that;

(c) the number to constitute a quorum and the number of visits in which there was no quorum;

(d) the number of lunatics who were released in 1104;

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(e) the names of those who were released in Makaram and Kumbham 1104;

(f) was there a Brahmin who was released in Makaram or Kumbham; the date on which the hospital anthorities included his name among those to be released;

(g) was the consideration of his release by the visitors postponed for want of quorum;

(h) the remark of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer regarding this Brahmin before he was released and the date of the remark;

(i) the date of his release;

(j) was this Brahmin on hunger-strike a few days before he was released, since food was supplied to him by a non-Brahmin;

(k) have the honorary visitors recommended a Brahmin cook for the hospital; if so, what action was taken on the recommendation;

(l) the number of lunatics in the hospital and the number of cooks?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—

	Names.	*No. of visits.*
(a)1.	Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar	4
2.	,, K. S. Velu	3
3.	,, K. Kochugovinda Marar	2
4.	,, S. F. Nunez	..
5.	,, C. A. Ouseph	..
6.	The Chairman, Trichur Municipality	2

(b) They are to visit once a month. The date of inspection will be fixed by the officer in charge of the hospital and communicated to them 10 or 12 days before the date.

(c) The number to constitute a quorum is 3 and the number of visits in which there was no quorum was 2.

(d) Seventeen.

(e) In Makaram — Nil.

In Kumbham —
(1) Sreenivasa Ayyar.
(2) Thummi.
(3) Dudachan.
(4) Sulaiman.
(5) Cherichi.

(f) Yes, Sreenivasa Ayyar was released in Kumbham. During Makaram it was proposed to bring up his case to the notice of the visitors, had a meeting taken place that month.

(g) Yes.

(h) No remark.

(i) 5—7—1104.

(j) No.

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(k) Yes. No action was taken as the Government were satisfied that there was not sufficient number of Brahmin inmates to justify the appointment of a separate Brahmin cook. There were only 3 inmates of whom two had been already released.

(l) At present 56 inmates and one cook.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there not Government officers also who are honorary visitors to the hospital?

President.—Government officers are not honorary visitors.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are they not honorary visitors?

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I do not think they are paid for their visit.

President.—But for classification they are not considered as honorary visitors.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Civil Surgeon, Trichur, the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer, the Commissioner of Police, the District Magistrate and the District Judge.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I am also one.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know the special reasons for the adjournment of the consideration when there are so many Government members. Only three members are required for a quorum, and one Mr. Sreenivasa Ayyar was released only in Kumbham for want of a quorum.

President.—When there are 6 official members, how was it that a quorum was not obtained?

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Honorary visitors also.

President.—They did not turn up. You did not get three?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—We did not get three. Only the Civil Surgeon was there.

President.—When you have got 6 official members, are they not bound to visit?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not know whether they are bound to visit

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Who are all the members who visited in Makaram to constitute a quorum? He was to be released in Makaram. He was reported to be fit to be released by the officers. He was released only in Kumbham for want of a quorum. I want to know the names of the members who visited this hospital in Makaram.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not remember all those names. I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it not a serious thing to detain a man unnecessarily for one month in a Lunatic Asylum?

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is not a supplementary question.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want a ruling from the Chair. He is not to say whether it is a supplementary question or not.

President.—The question asked is, why this man who was fit to be released in Makaram, was released only in Kumbham.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Who says that he was fit?

President.—That is what I heard to be an undisputed fact.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is not an undisputed fact.

President.—Your fact is disputed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—If the meeting had taken place, he would have been released in Makaram.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Not necessarily.

President.—His case will be considered at that meeting and decision may be arrived at. He has not been declared to be fit to be released in Makaram.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In Makaram nobody was released. It was not considered for want of a quorum and the officers there reported that he was fit for release. His name was included in the list and these people were to decide whether he was fit or not. Is it not a serious thing to detain a man in the Lunatic Asylum for one month?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Of course it is a serious matter.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—If he is sane, it is a very serious thing.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—He was included in the list.

President.—The officer in charge of the Mental Hospital declared that he was fit to be released in Makaram. His name was included in the list. To release him a board has to meet and give its decision. That board did not meet in Makaram, even though notices were issued to members, as there was no quorum.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—There are six Government officers. I want to know why they did not go.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There were non-officials also.

President.—Your point is whether the officers attended the meeting in Makaram.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is not compulsory, Sir.

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President.—You cannot discuss matters at question time. It is strictly prohibited.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—If it is not obligatory, is it not humanity? I want to know the names of the absentees.

President.—Only the Civil Surgeon and the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer were present.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The Civil Surgeon alone was present.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer visit the Asylum in Makaram and Kumbham?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Does he write remarks when he visits the place?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes, very often.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Not always?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—If there is nothing special to remark upon, I simply put down 'visit'.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was this Brahmin served food by anybody other than the hospital cook at any time? Who is the hospital cook?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—A Nayar.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Who supplies meals to this Brahmin?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—From the hospital. There is no Brahmin cook there at all. But just now I have ordered that food should be brought from outside, from his relations, etc.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Two days before his release, he protested that he may be supplied with food by a Brahmin.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—He might have said many coherent and incoherent things. (*Laughter.*)

President.—By whom was this Brahmin supplied with food when there was only this Nayar cook? That would be the proper question. By whom was this Brahmin supplied with food when the Nayar cook was in the hospital? Did the Nayar cook himself supply him or did you get it from outside?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Himself.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—My point is, a few days before he left, when he was all right, whether he wanted food to be supplied to him by a Brahmin.

President.—The question is whether a few days before he was released he asked for meals to be supplied by a Brahmin.

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Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not know.

President.—He does not know.

Time is up. Questions and answers are over.

Sale of goods in public roads in Trichur.

546. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to inquire and state whether goods for sale, such as iron bars and other things, are placed on the main road on both sides by the merchants of the Trichur bazaar, thereby causing much inconvenience to the public for traffic?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—A portion of the public road in the bazaar is used by the shop-keepers for exposing some of the articles for sale. The Police are trying their best to dissuade the shop-keepers from doing so. The beat constables have special instructions to see that no inconvenience is caused to the travelling public.

Mathematics Graduates in the Girls' Schools.

547. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number and names of lady Mathematics Graduates in the Educational Department at present and the number of male Mathematics Graduate teachers employed in Girls' Schools;

(b) the date of applications received from these lady Graduates for appointment and the exact date of their appointments;

(c) whether any or all of them were sent for training; if so, when; if not, why not?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) Lady Graduates 2, viz., K. A. Karthiayani Amma and T. Lekshmikkutti Warassiar. There are 6 male Graduates employed in Girls' Schools.

(b) The application of No. 1 was received on 10th Medam 1100 and of No. 2 on 9th Edavam 1102.

No. 1 was appointed on 9th Edavam 1100 and No. 2 on 17th Mithunam 1102.

(c) No. 1 was sent up for training in the year 1927—28. No. 2 was not sent up for training since it is only after putting in some service that a teacher is selected for training.

Memorial from the Chittur Bar Association.

548. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have received a memorial dated 6th Kumbham 1104 from the vakils of the Bar Association, Chittur;

(2) if so, what action they propose to take in the matter?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) No.

(2) The question does not arise.

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